

A dark, sketchy illustration of a city street scene. A car is overturned on its side in the foreground. In the background, there are buildings and a figure standing near the overturned car. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

SOUL EATER

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Post...

**Dealing with the hand you got dealt,
Cronas first succes or brewing stress?**



A black and white comic panel. On the left, a character's leg in a dark, sleeveless dress is shown in a dynamic, bent position. A bright, white, diagonal beam of light or energy cuts across the center of the panel. In the upper right corner, there is a small rectangular box containing some faint, illegible markings. The background consists of simple, sketchy lines representing an interior space.

tum tum tum

DUN DUN DUN



A black and white comic panel. It shows a close-up of a character's foot, wearing a dark shoe, as it slips on a light-colored, tiled floor. The floor tiles are large and rectangular. The character's leg is visible above the foot, and the overall scene is dynamic and action-oriented.

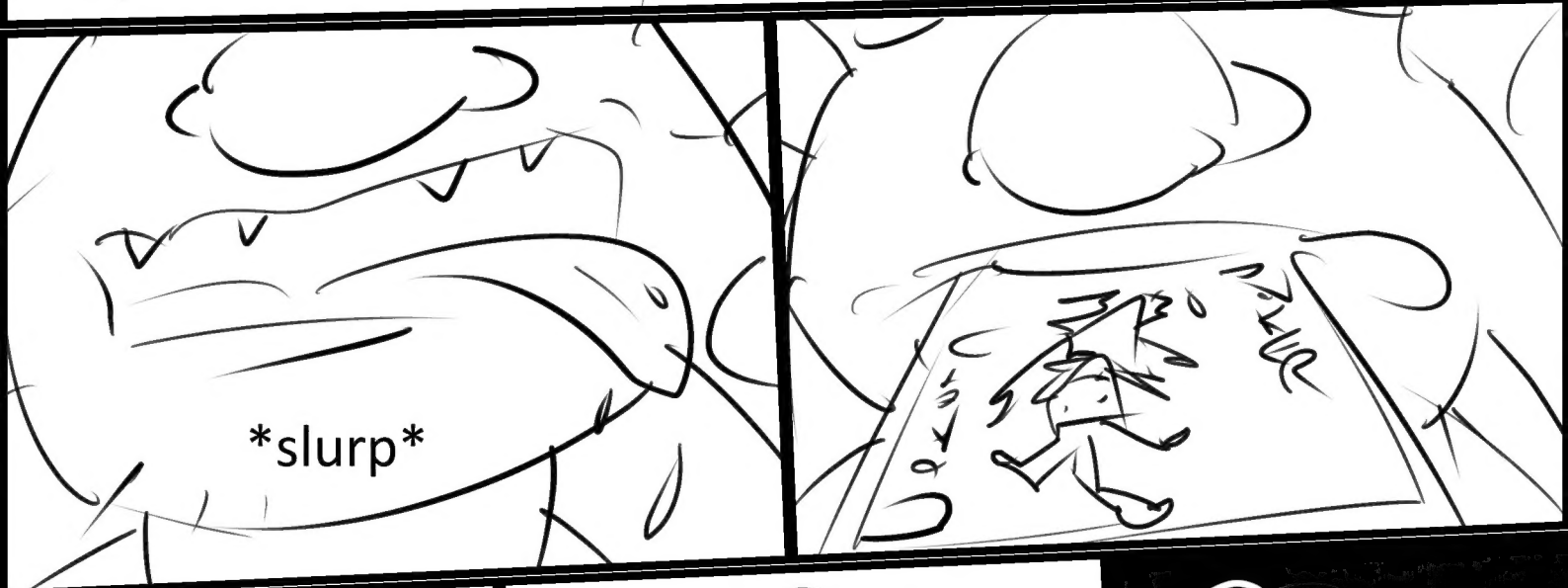
SLIP

BUM

thud

thud

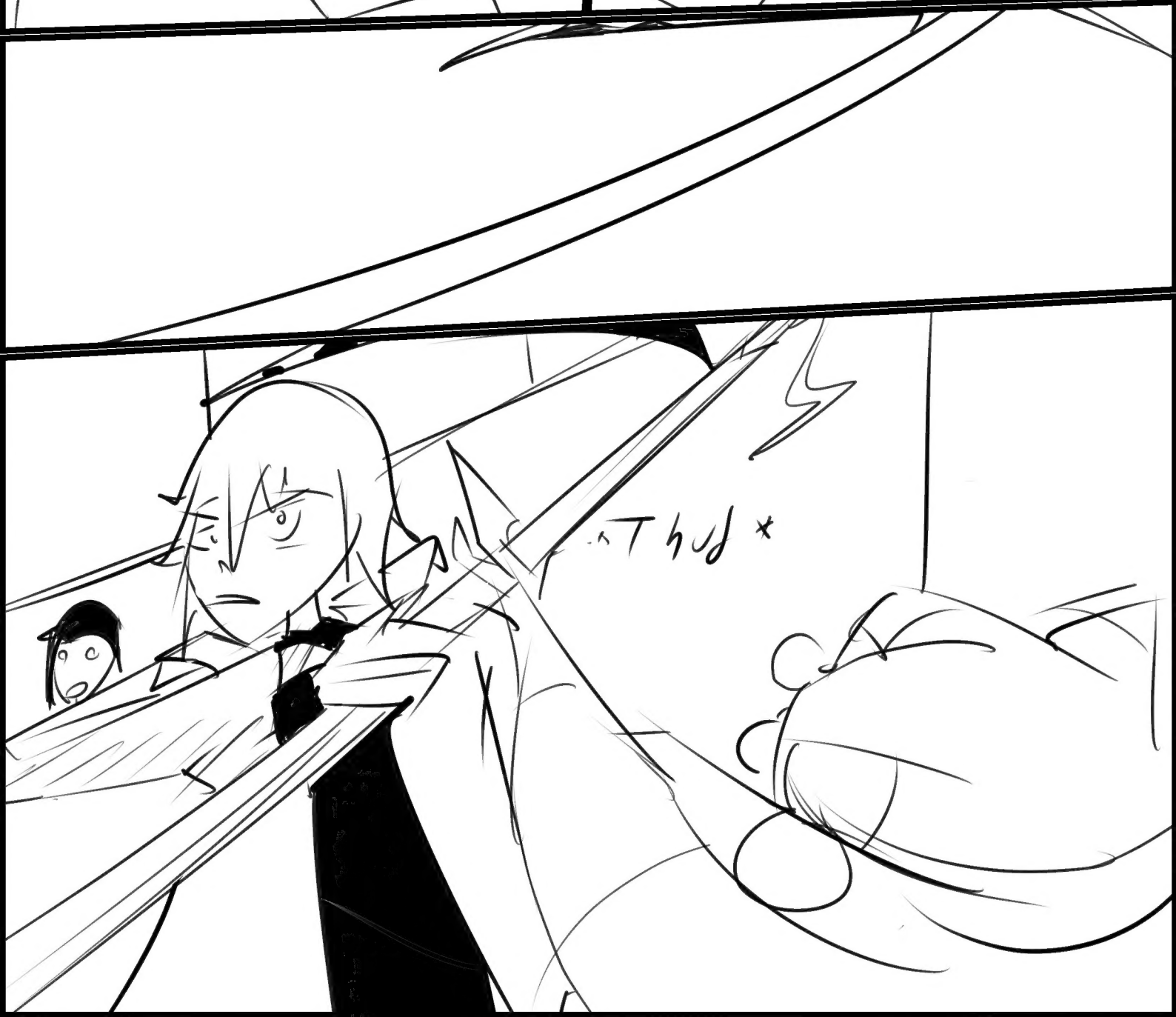
thud





**LUCK
OF
THE
DRAW!!!**

SWISH



THUD



"The playing card Joker"

Only survivor of a circus bus accident

He ate all the souls of the victims...



And is now going after innocent humans

I can't let you do that.

That's why I am here...



To take your soul!



Di-did I say it right Maka? Or did I mess up again???

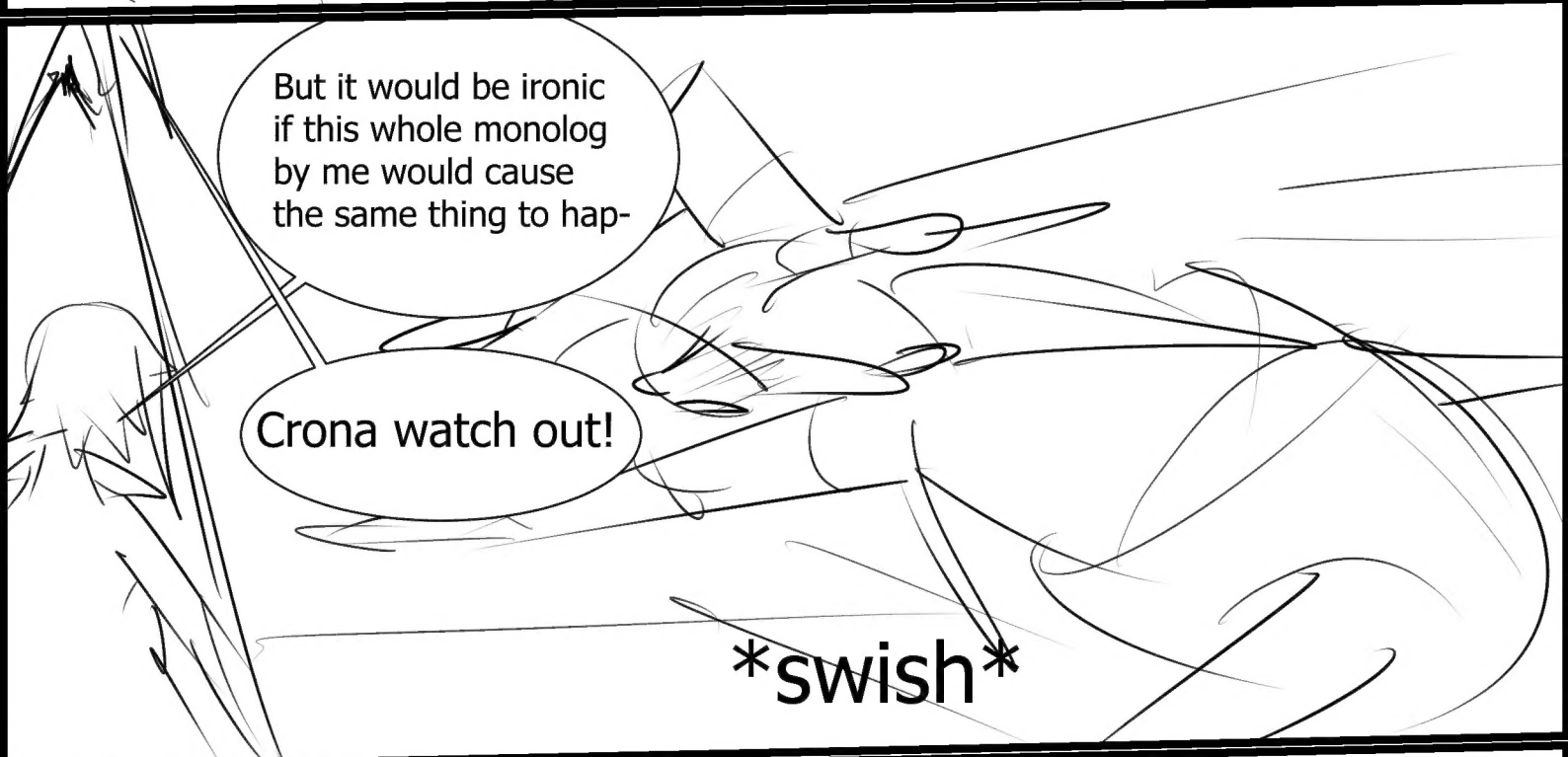
No Crona it was perfect! You were so confident and you didn't even stuter!




Th-thanks!

I was worried that I will mess it up and then I couldn't deal with the ensuing awkward moment that would happen


...so giving the enemy enough time to recover and make a strike before we....






In my school
the teachers say
that you have
to raise your hand
like this if you have
something you want
to say...

THUD




Crona, don't forget that
I'm a scythe not a sword,
so you have to wield
me like one

S-sorry I forgot...



**OUCH OUCH
OUCH OUCH!!!**




See it hurts,
so now you
may understad
why you should
stop doing what
you do!



No, because...


**I'm the
Joker,
BABY!!!**



I thought you
were the
playing card joker?

HAHAHAHA!

I'm so evil that
I don't care about
copyright or making
lame reference humor!



HAHAH, I don't care finish me
of if you want, I'm already as
much as a failure as a human
as I'm as a monster no matter
what I do and sacrifice.....Hahah...

It doesn't matter,
let's finish him
off for good before
he causes any more
trouble!

Right...

swish

Hahah
as everyone
said, I deserve
it nomater what
I do...

What...

GOOD
LRONA



thud



Crona, whats wrong!?

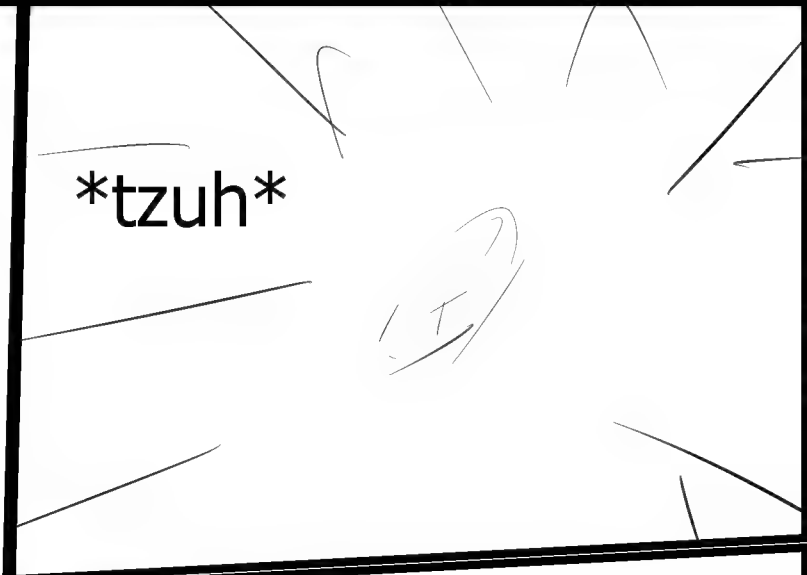


Uh... nothing...
My -my
hand slipped...

S-sorry for
dropping you
Maka!



It's alright,
we already
beaten him
after all



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I think I'm getting better
at transforming
back between
forms



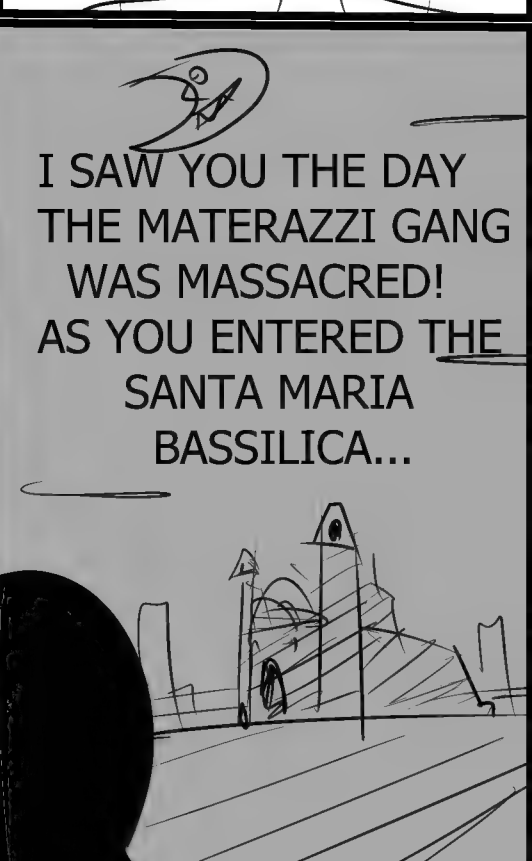
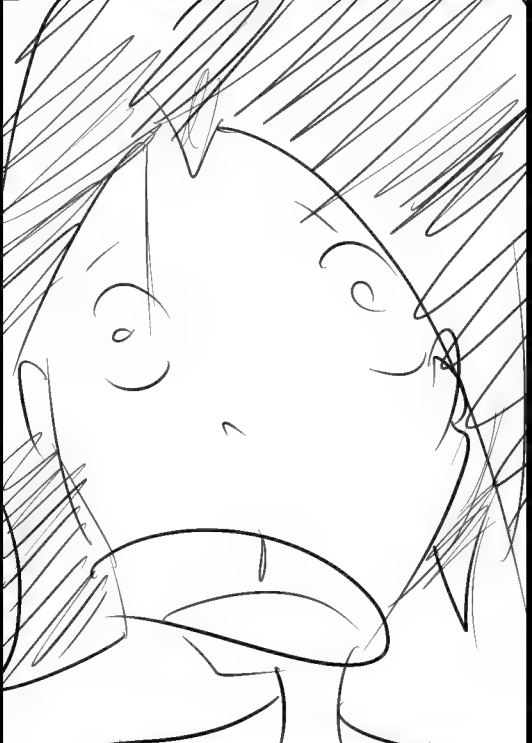
This will be
my first kishin
egg...
Still weird
to think that
I will be the
one eating them.

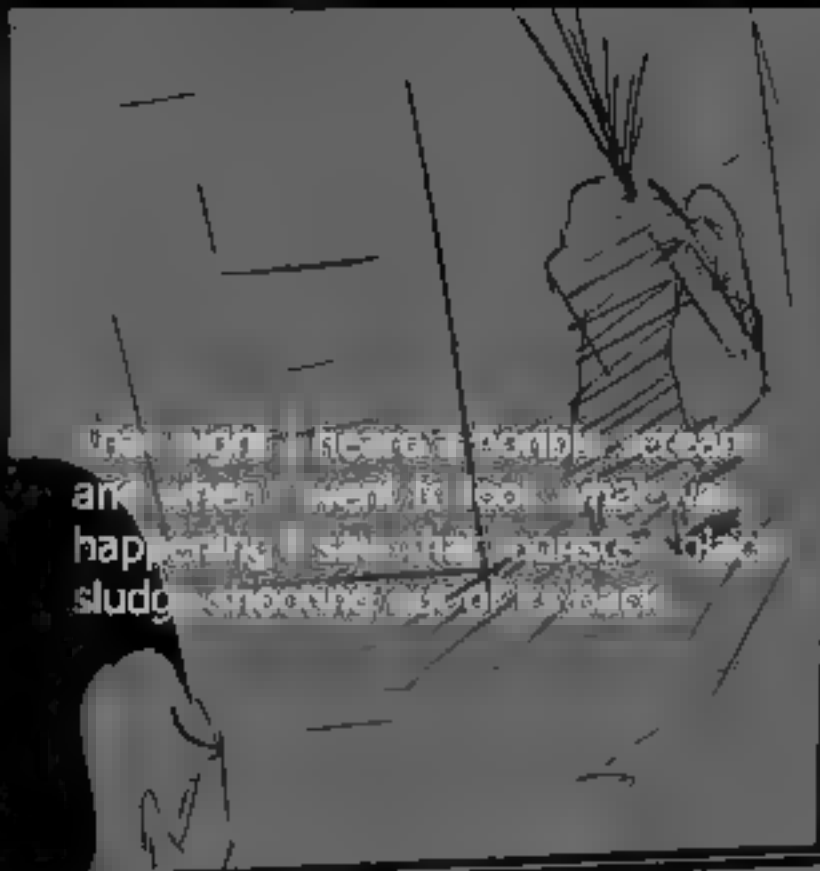


Maybe you
need a glass
of water?

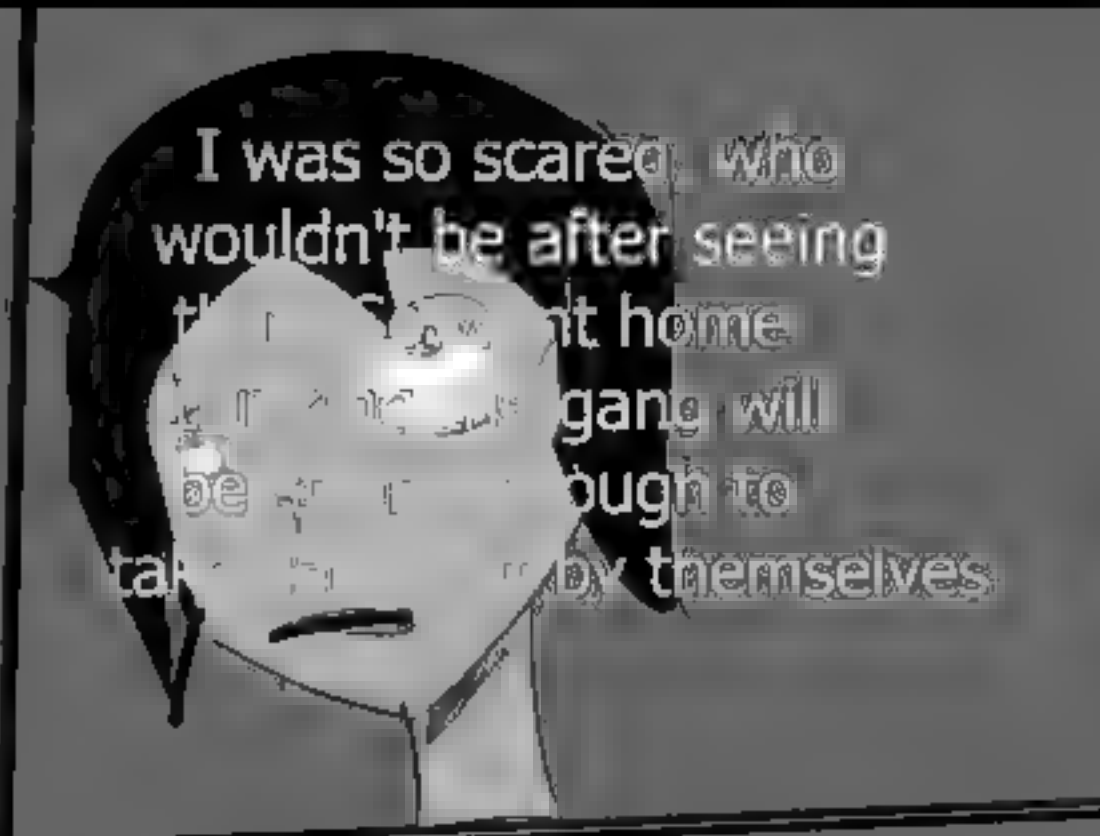
It helps me deal with
the vitamin pills that
Miss Marie bought me

hmmmm....

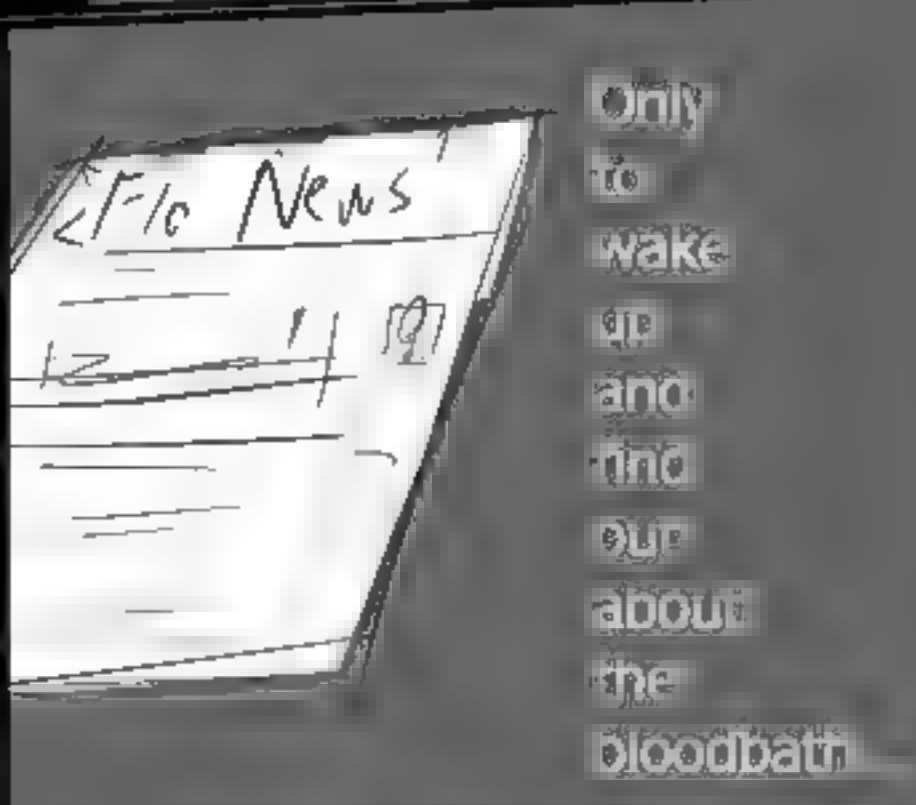




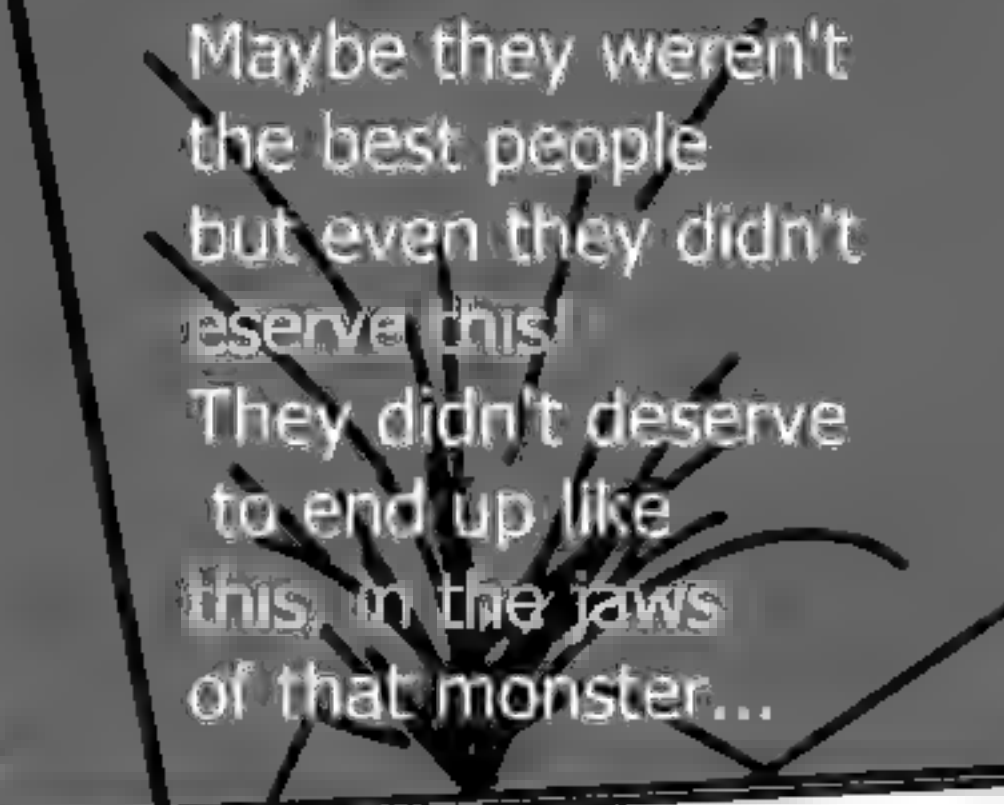
the night, heard a bomb, ocean
and when went it too, what was
happening I saw the monster, that
sludge, it was the end of the world.



I was so scared, who
wouldn't be after seeing
the monster at home.
The gang will
be able to
take care of themselves.



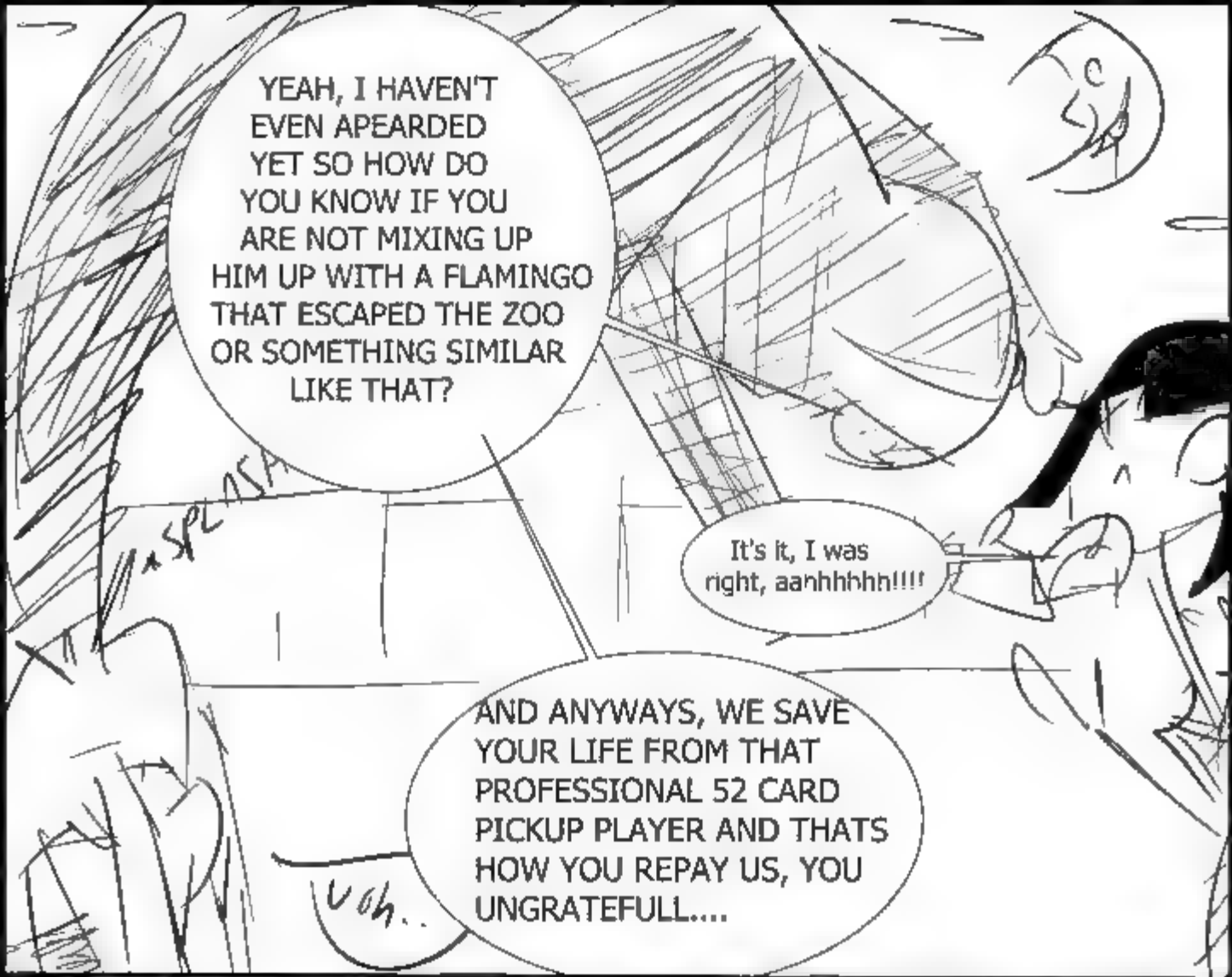
only
to
wake
up
and
find
out
about
the
bloodbath.



Maybe they weren't
the best people
but even they didn't
deserve this.
They didn't deserve
to end up like
this, in the jaws
of that monster...



Hey,
wait
a
minute!



YEAH, I HAVEN'T
EVEN APEARDED
YET SO HOW DO
YOU KNOW IF YOU
ARE NOT MIXING UP
HIM UP WITH A FLAMINGO
THAT ESCAPED THE ZOO
OR SOMETHING SIMILAR
LIKE THAT?


It's it, I was
right, aahhhhhh!!!!

AND ANYWAYS, WE SAVE
YOUR LIFE FROM THAT
PROFESSIONAL 52 CARD
PICKUP PLAYER AND THATS
HOW YOU REPAY US, YOU
UNGRATEFULL....


Uoh..

Great, Ragnarok just
made the situation
worse, like always...

PLEASE EVERYONE
JUST CALM DOWN
FOR A MOMENT!




I know Crona
well and because
of that I know
that you can't
held him to be
responsible for
what happened
that day




How could you
possibly defend
that abomination?



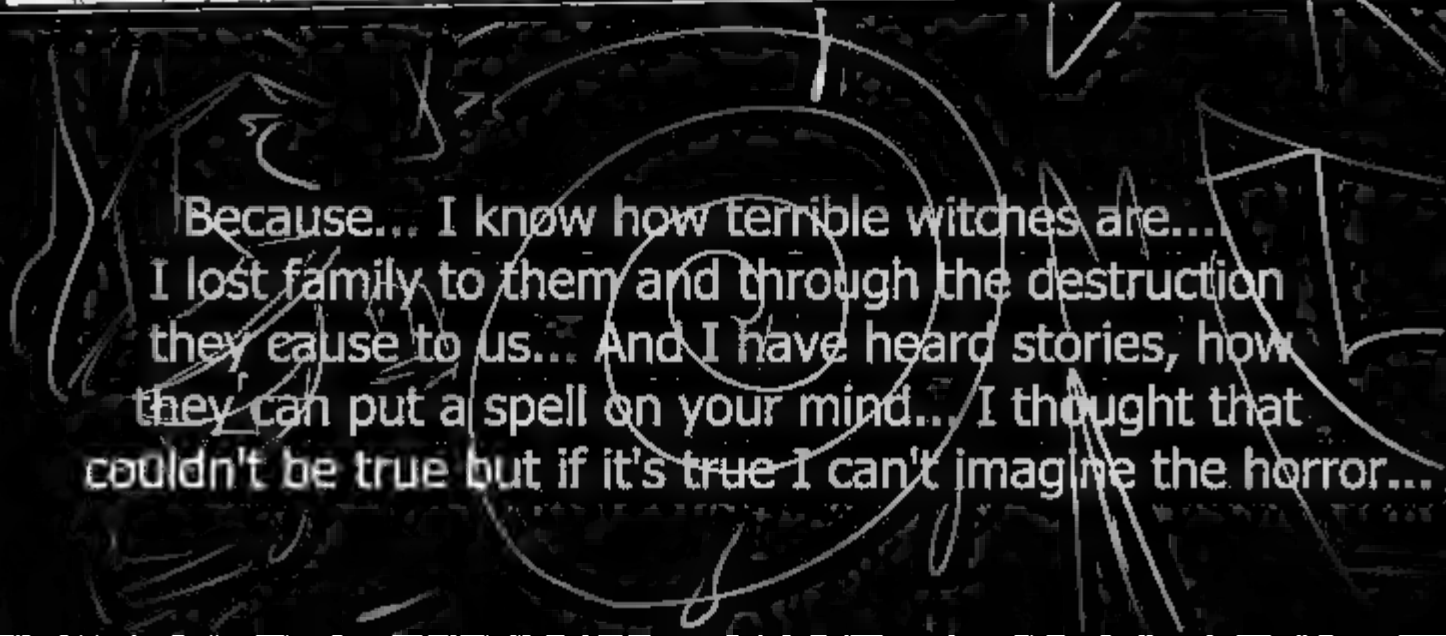
Because... I know how terrible witches are...
I lost family to them and through the destruction
they cause to us... And I have heard stories, how
they can put a spell on your mind... I thought that
couldn't be true but if it's true I can't imagine the horror...



**BY MY
HANDS!**



I-Is that true?
I do-don't know
what to say...



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they can put a spell on your mind... I thought that
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I'm sorry... I-I
don't know...
I-I... Sorry!

Running away all this?!
Get back here you coward!
We are still not done here!

Let her go, she is
probably still in shock
after all what happened
to day so it is natural
that she acts like this

Giupi hehe...

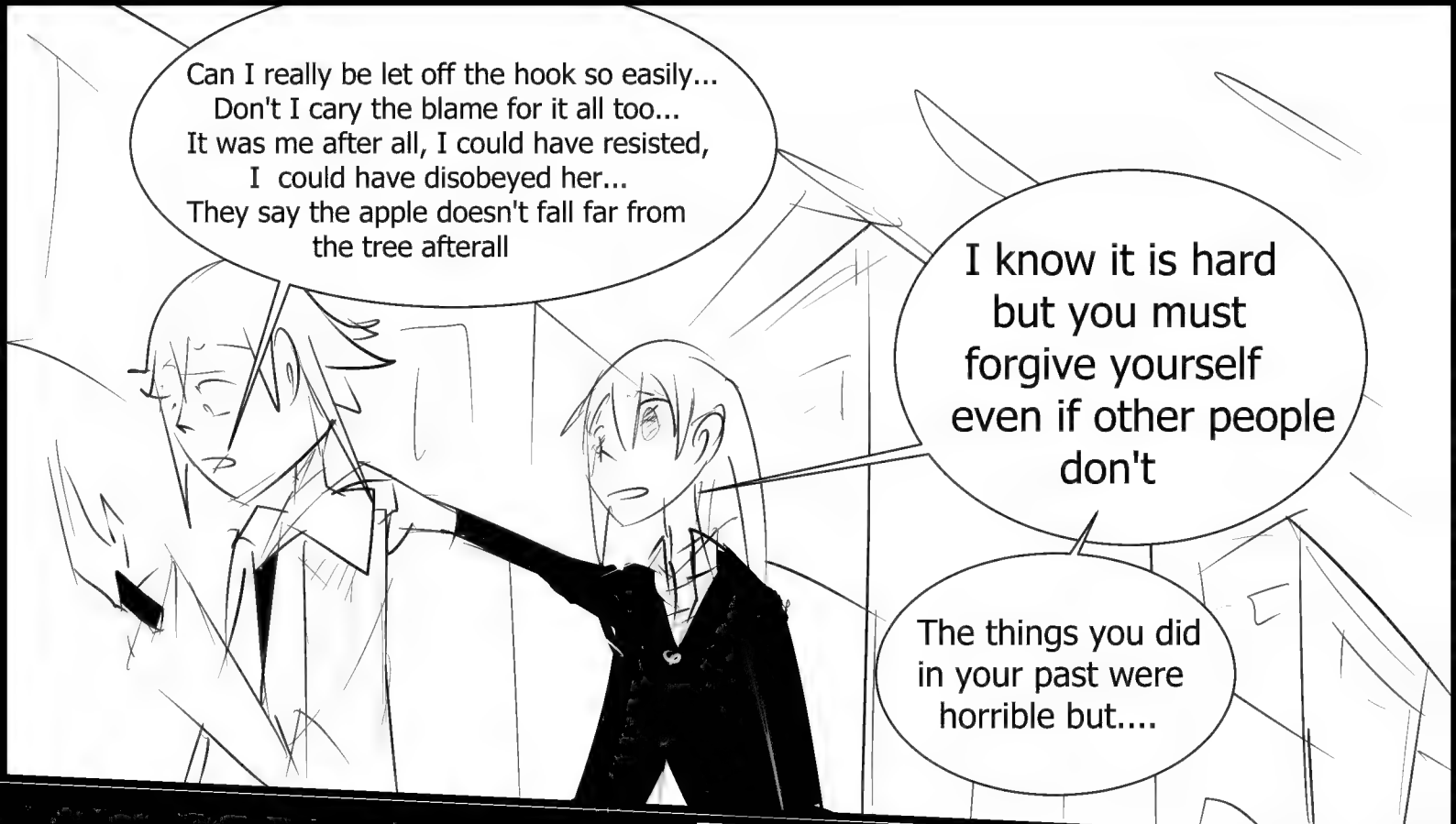
Ragnarok
really
hasn't
changed
for the better...

Hehe... I wonder, if we were just a bit late
for the circus show, what that ungrateful broad
would have looked like after the clown was done
with her, I bet it would
have been an improvement...

I wonder...

...how she would
have reacted if she
knew that I was the
son of that witch...

Crona?..



Can I really be let off the hook so easily...
Don't I carry the blame for it all too...
It was me after all, I could have resisted,
I could have disobeyed her...
They say the apple doesn't fall far from
the tree after all

I know it is hard
but you must
forgive yourself
even if other people
don't

The things you did
in your past were
horrible but....

Medusa abused you for all these years


Manipulation and control



Having madness literally forced into your blood


Nobody could have resisted all of this force and magic

Torture and isolation of a scale I couldn't imagine




You are not her!
So you are not responsible
for all the destruction she caused,
so you need to stop thinking
it is all your fault

And even if it was, you are helping the DWMA now,
meaning you did change from the time Medusa had
you under her grasp



I wish that I could believe all that, that all of that was true

But it is true, you must know that yourself!




Well if you say it I know that it must be true, even if I don't know how that could be...
Thanks Maka




Hey that's what friends are for!


To help and defend each other even from oneself



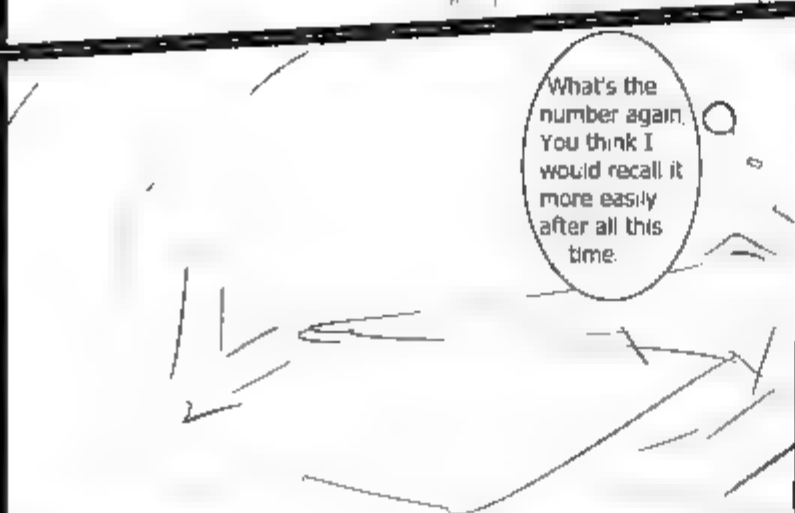
Alright, then it's time to find a mirror



Ah this broken
traffic mirror,
perfect!



yeah.
we won't
have to
worry about
getting struck
by a car while
talking



What's the
number again.
You think I
would recall it
more easily
after all this
time.

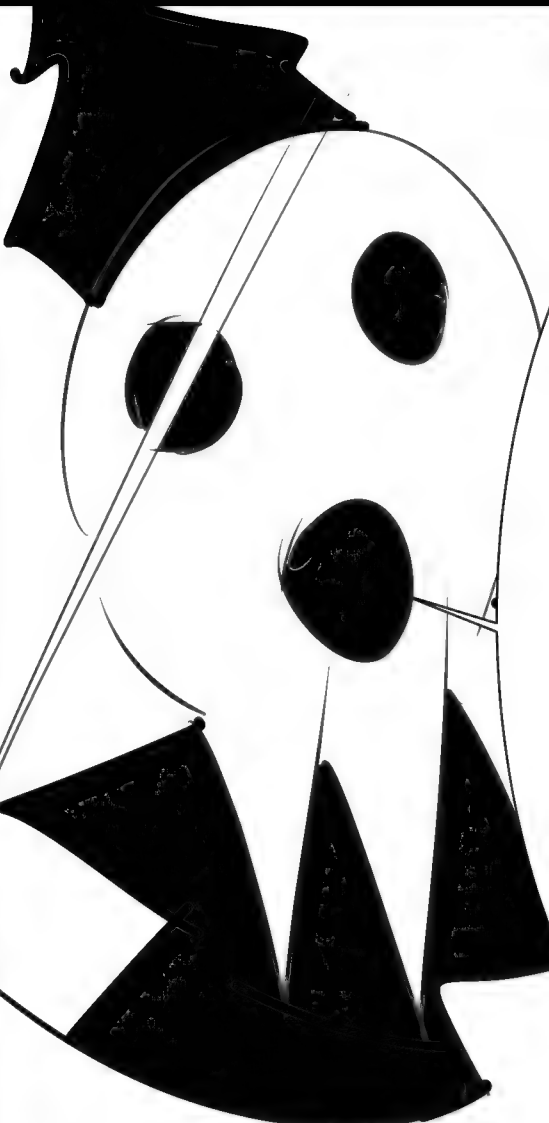


What?




I'm just imagining it...

But... he hadn't killed
anyone yet, didn't he
too deserve a second
chance...



Hey hey hey
whats up?
Ah Maka, good
to hear that you
are as excelent
as a weapon
as you are as
a meister!
But I shouldn't
have expected
any less from
the person that
defeated the
kishin!



Thank you very
much sir, but Crona
was my Meister so
he also deserves
credit for the mission

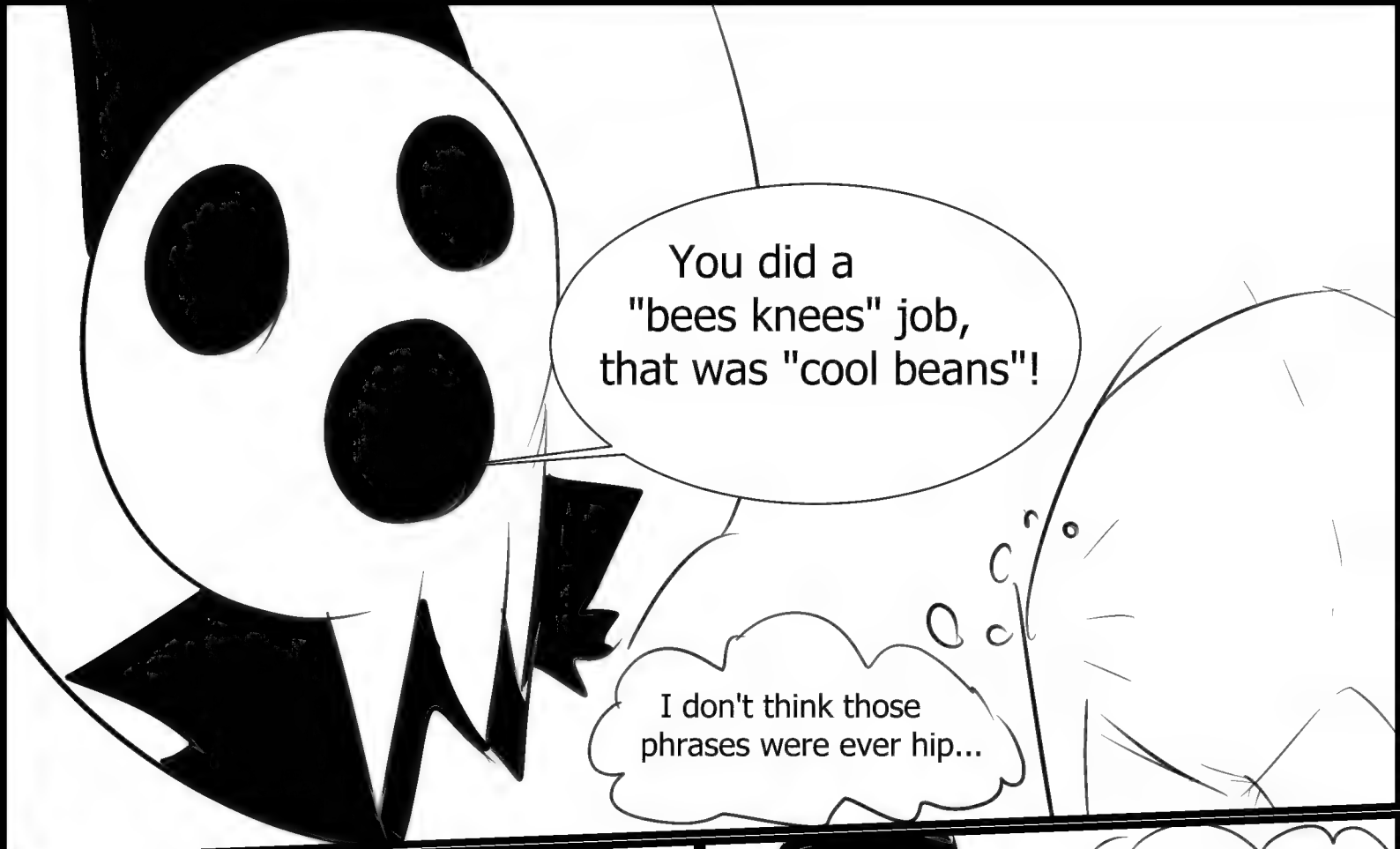
Ofcourse!
Earth to Crona
are you there?

...hmm?... oh yeah...



...Uh...Sorry Lord Death

Sorry for what? Saving an inocent live
and wiping out a treath before it grows
more dangerous?



I don't think those phrases were ever hip...



I should have taken my homework to the mission....

Ragnarok, please stop saying things like that



Wait, ungrateful what? What are you talking about?

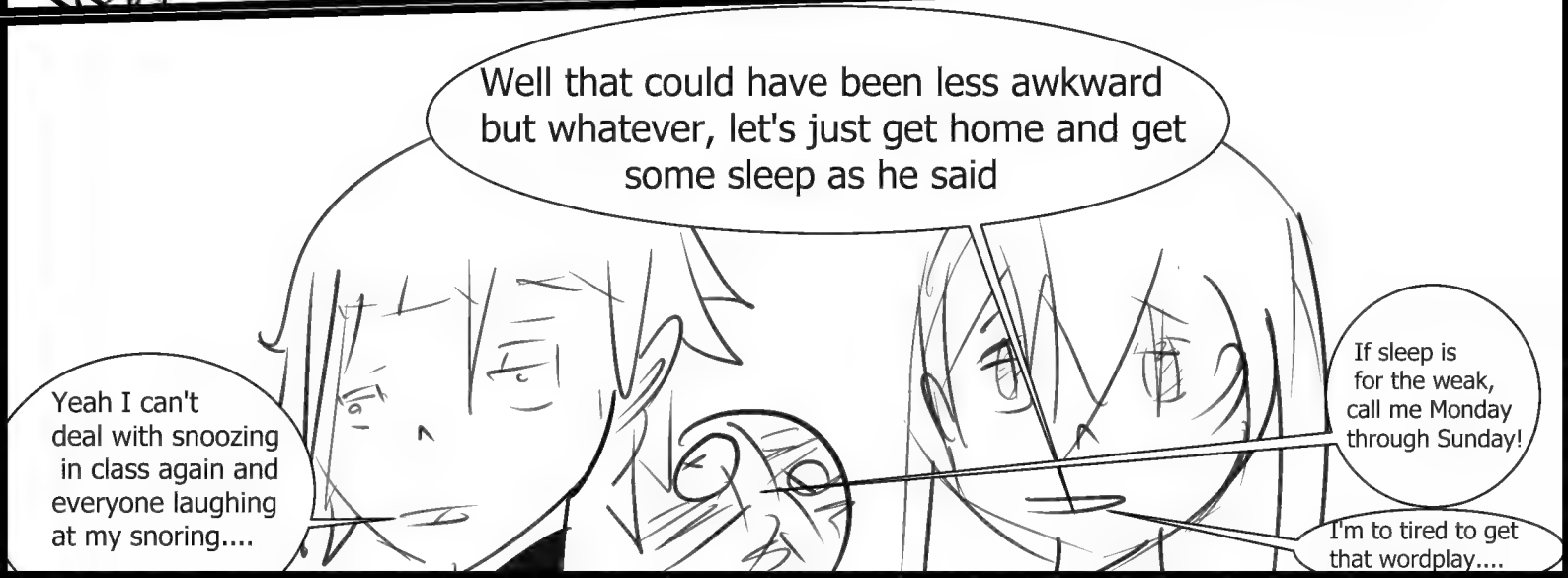
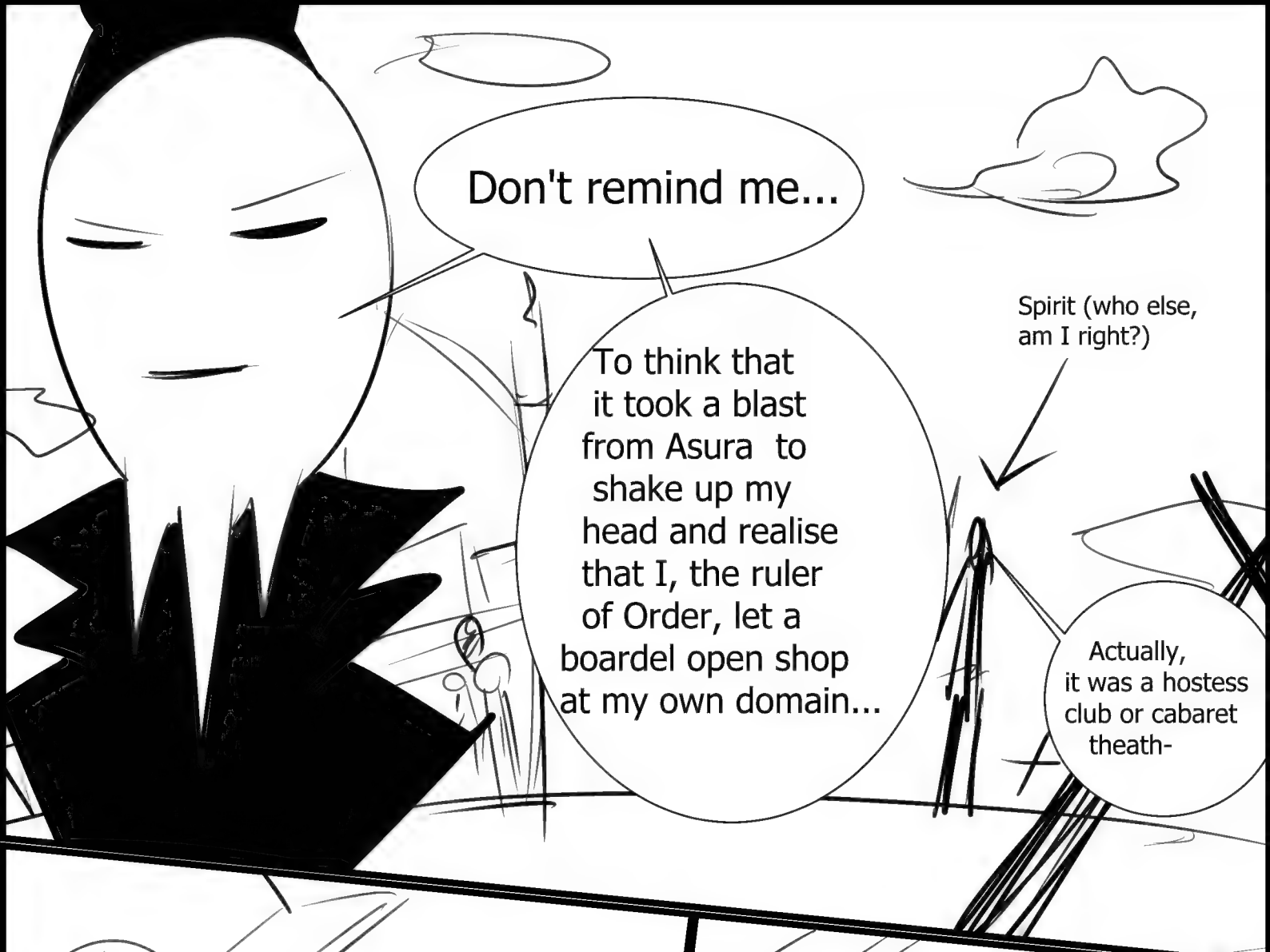


And that woman wasn't-

Out at night, dressed like that? Let's be real here! Haha!



Well atleast that "business" is still open booming here, not like in Death City giupi!

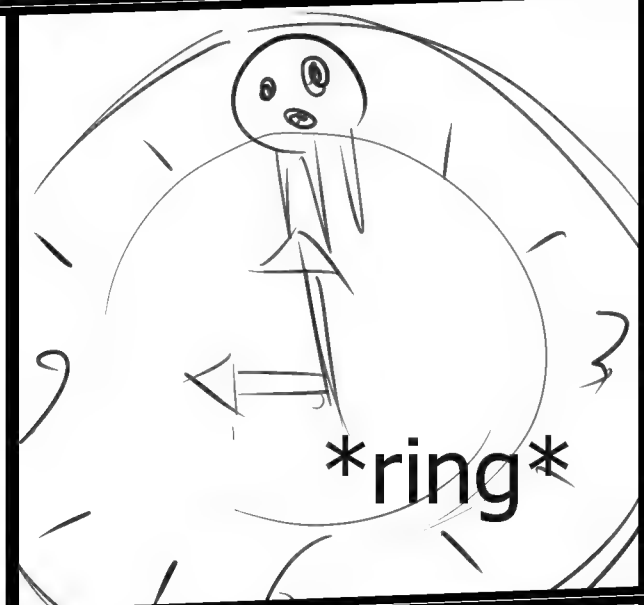




The next
day,
DWMA



I hope
the bell
rings soon,
I'm getting
bored myself...



ring



Crona, Maka can you come here
for a minute?
I wanted to ask you how the mission
went? I hope nothing bad happened?



well-

No no, everything went well !



That's great! Stein was right after all, that mission was the right one for you

I'm so glad that all my worries were just me being silly as allways



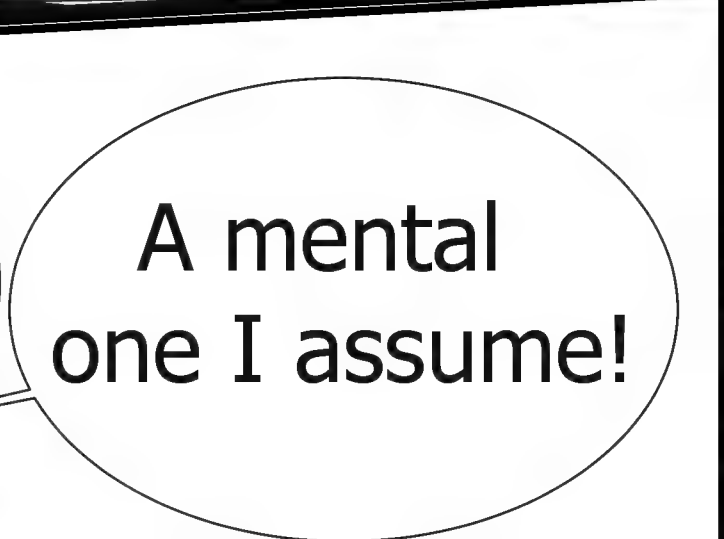
You don't need to be afraid for us, after all we both have enough experience , we are already ready for a real mission



Hey Crona, heard you got your first kishin egg, congratulations from the great Black*Star!!!

You Smurf!!! I'm the only one who can torment him get off now or your hair wont be the only thing thats blue!

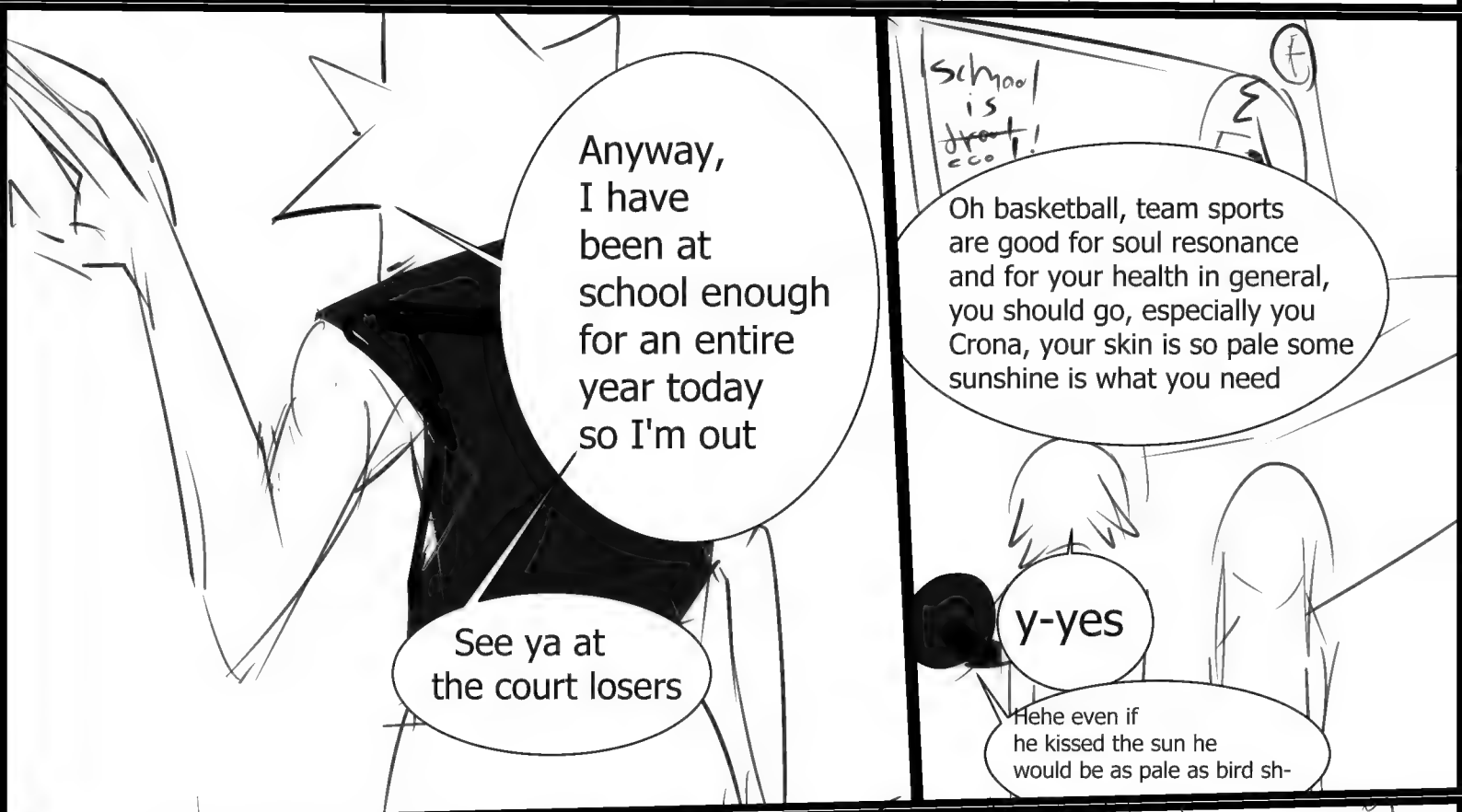
Uh Ahhhh!





Man tall?
Tchh.. Tsubaki
said that my
grow spurt is
still gonna come
so I shouldn't
worry about
my height

What?



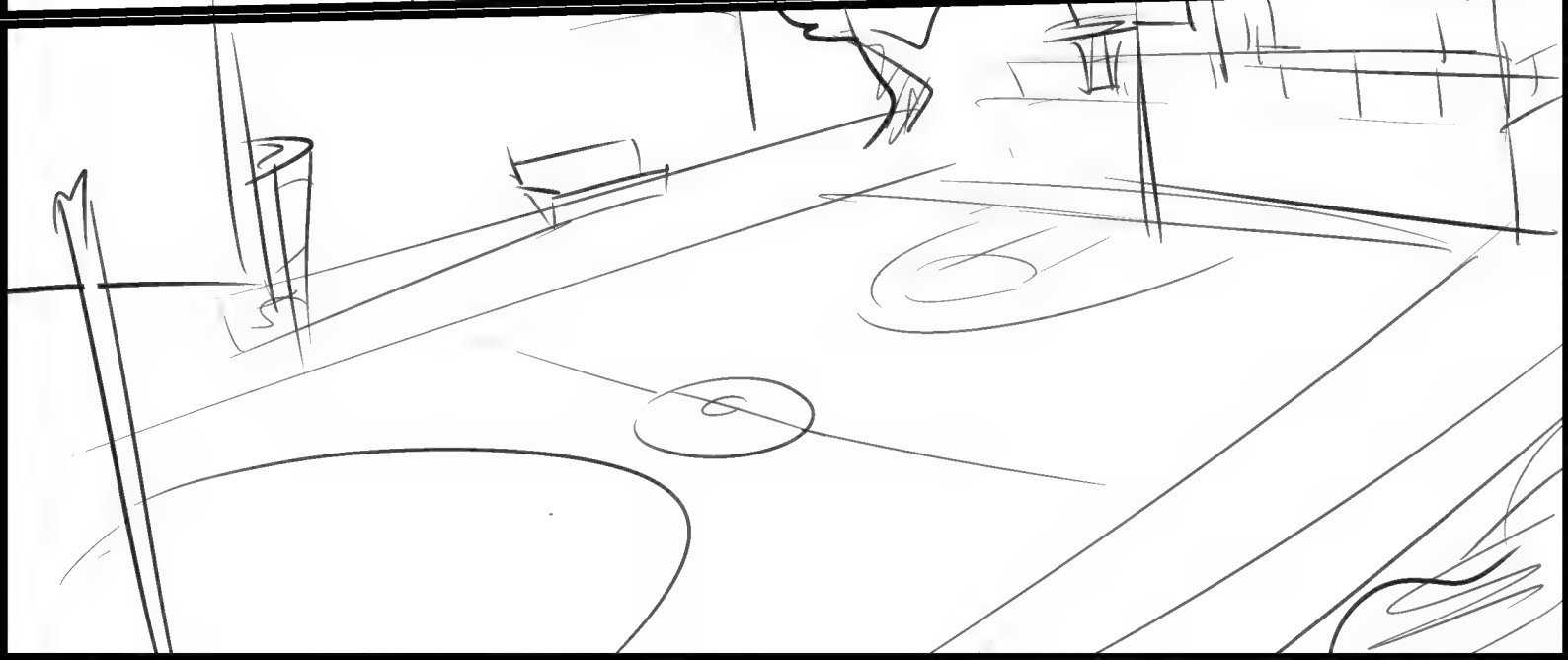
Anyway,
I have
been at
school enough
for an entire
year today
so I'm out

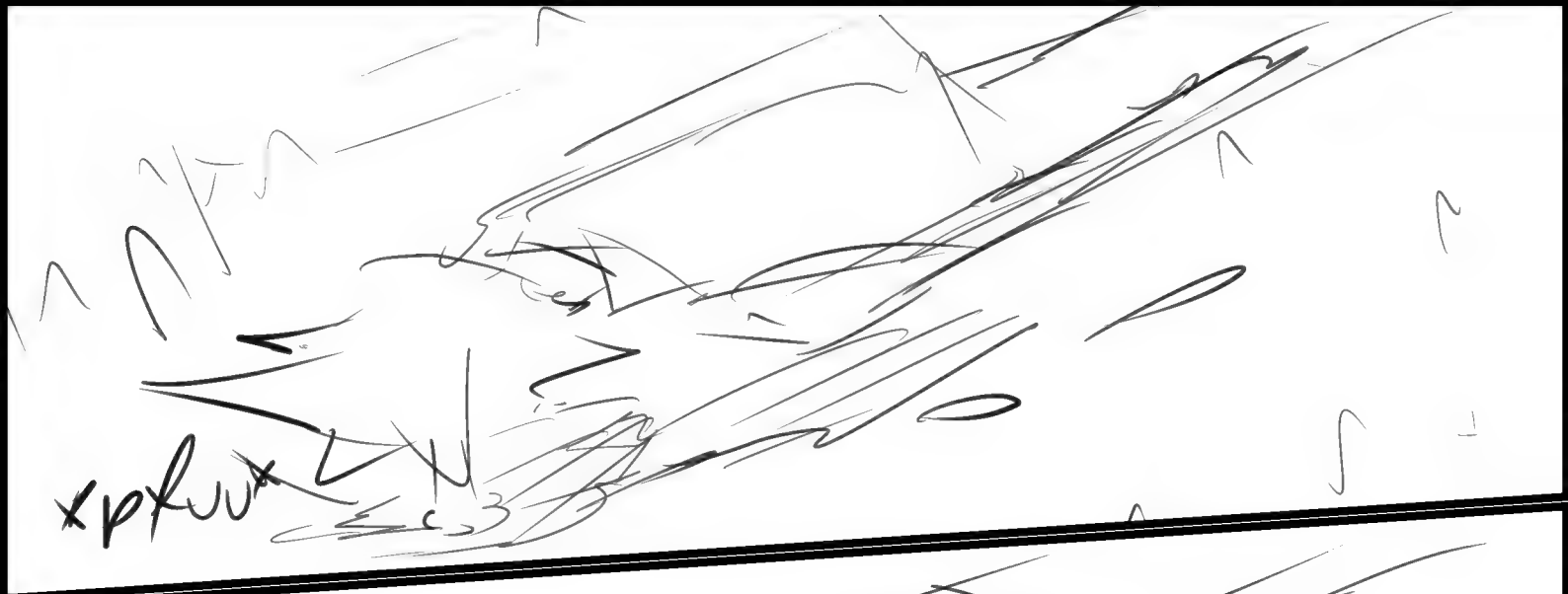
See ya at
the court losers

Oh basketball, team sports
are good for soul resonance
and for your health in general,
you should go, especially you
Crona, your skin is so pale some
sunshine is what you need

y-yes

Hehe even if
he kissed the sun he
would be as pale as bird sh-





xpflw*



* gum *

....one...



Where is Tsubaki?

Oh she's cleaning
the bathroom and
what kind of man
would I be if I robbed
her of this opportunity?



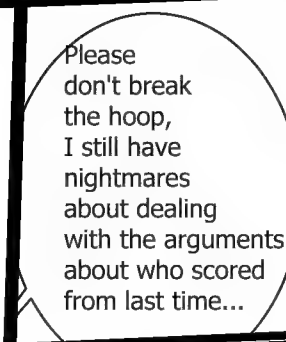
A decent one?



Hahaha,
I don't
remember
you being
funny, you
must have
read one of
those joke
compilation
books



Thinking
I would
read something
so lowbro, touche



Please
don't break
the hoop,
I still have
nightmares
about dealing
with the arguments
about who scored
from last time...



Yeez man
don't
worry like
a little girl,
no surprise
people where
confused-




So-So what are we
going to play, because
there aren't enough
people for two teams
with only 3 people


Hey what about me!




Haha, I'm great enough
to easily defeat you two
or three if we count the
deformed tire with gum eyes too




Don't forget to pass the ball this time!




Like you forgot to pass the history exam?



Don't need to know history if you are making it!!!




Actually you do unless you can deal with repeating the year or having to sit in detention for the whole summer...



Black*Star special technique: NBA All-Star!



X TUFFFFX



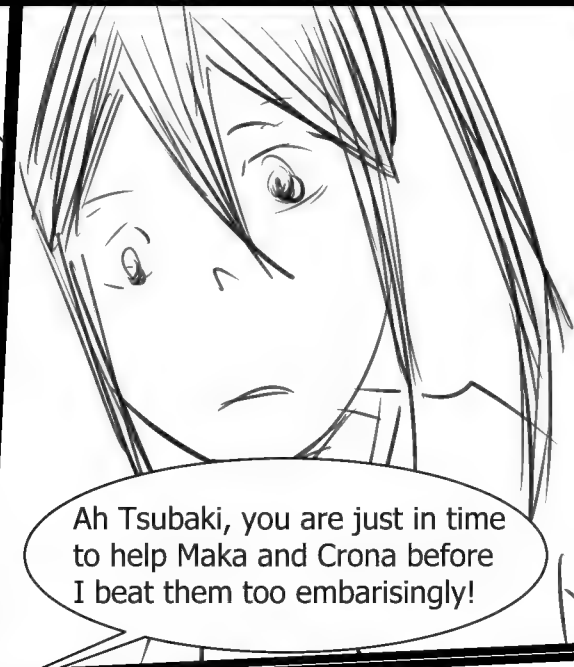
I allways forget that I'm too strong and magnificent for this peasant sport hahaha!

Who doesn't learn from history is destined to repeat it...

what goes around comes around



Blackstar!
Are you alright?



Ah Tsubaki, you are just in time
to help Maka and Crona before
I beat them too embarisingly!



Good that
I brought
an icepack
just for such
a event...

How did you
know?

Just intuition (and experience)




So... Maka I heard your mission
was a huge succes?



wow you
didn't miss
from the
least difficult
position for
once whar an
archievement!

Yeah it went without a hitch, well except... yeah It
was all good, Crona and I make a great team

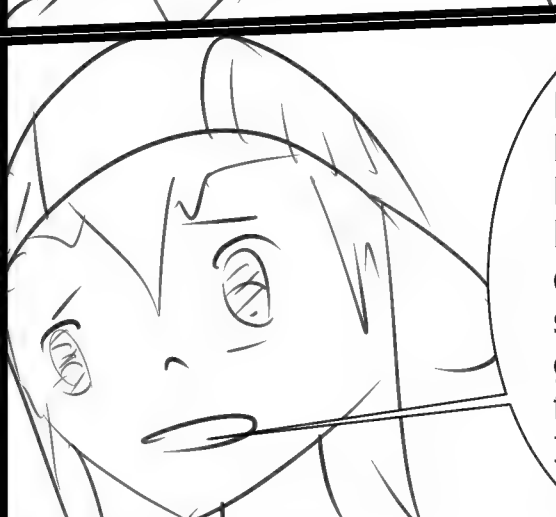
Thats is good to hear, I didn't expect
for Crona to be able to resonate with
another weapon so easily



Especially after that time when we all saw how well Soul and Black*Star did it when Kid first joined the DWMA...


Hey I didn't fail, it was Souls fault to not being good enough to handle my power!

Where is he anyways, isn't he already back from that stupid trip?



Not yet, but it has only been a couple days, I'm sure we gonna hear from him soon, I hope...

He better don't ditch us for some stupid family....



Who needs one anyways? I never had one and I turned out GREAT!!!

Yes you did Black-Star....

Don't encourage him Tsubaki...

I wonder, would I be as bad without parents? Maybe I would be even a worse person....

That height joke must be intentional...



Some hours later...

That was a lot of fun everybody
but I think it is time for us too
head home

Yeah I humiliated
you long enough
today, there is
always tomorrow
if you still want
more hahaha!

But even that will become
boring for somebody as great
as me, so maybe find some other
people that need to be shown their
place in this court and this world

Speaking of others,
have you seen Kid,
Liz or Patty anywhere?

Dunno, I only
saw Kid, who
said that "he
does not have
the time at the
current moment to
participate in any
recreational activity"

But somehow he had
time for this whole
academic speech...

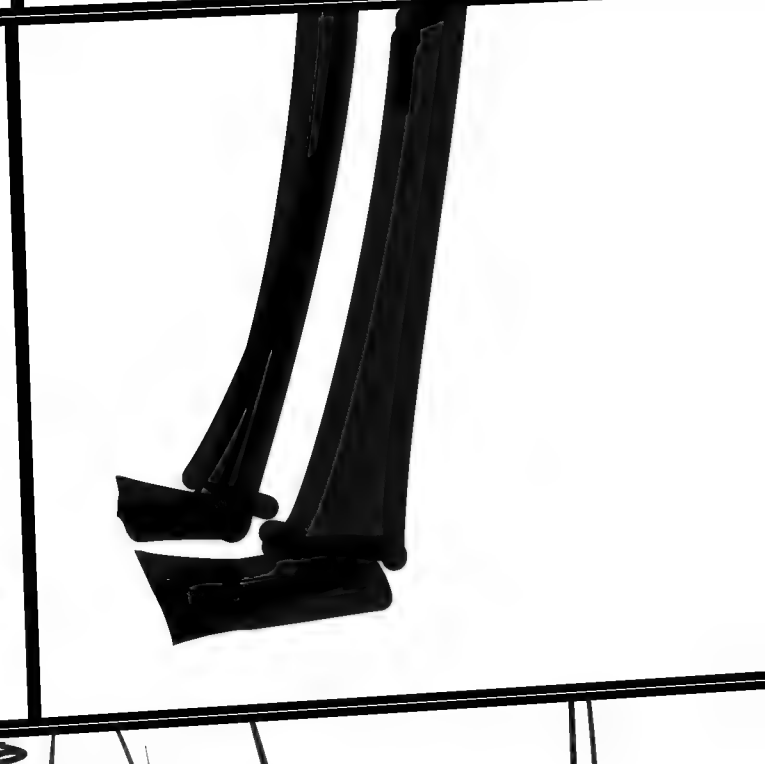
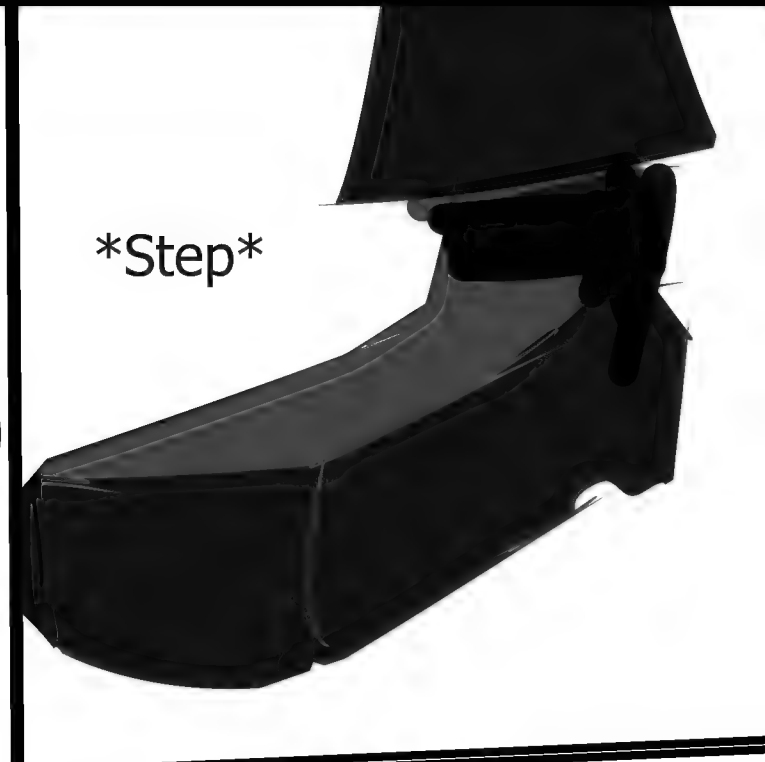
Anyways, he went into
the direction of his dad's
office so maybe he wants
some money for a new skateboard
yo know how spoiled these rich
kids are tchh.

See ya later

Bye everyone


Bye Tsubaki!







Sup Kid, how is my favorite son doing?



Father,
we need
to have a
conversation
about something....

Hmmmm....

Late at night...

In an yet unknown place...



It is the
perfect
time!

-believe me
hehehe!




Bu-but
h-how the
DWMA, they
even defeated
the Kinshin...




Hehehe thats the point!
After such a battle they
are wounded and weak!


But they heal quickly...



Because of that,
we don't have
any time to
waste!



Medusa showed us what even just one vindictive witch can accomplish!



All these "precautions"
by Maaba...

pfuu!

It's against our Nature!

xthudx


Bu-but i-it is for
our own safety...

"Safety"?

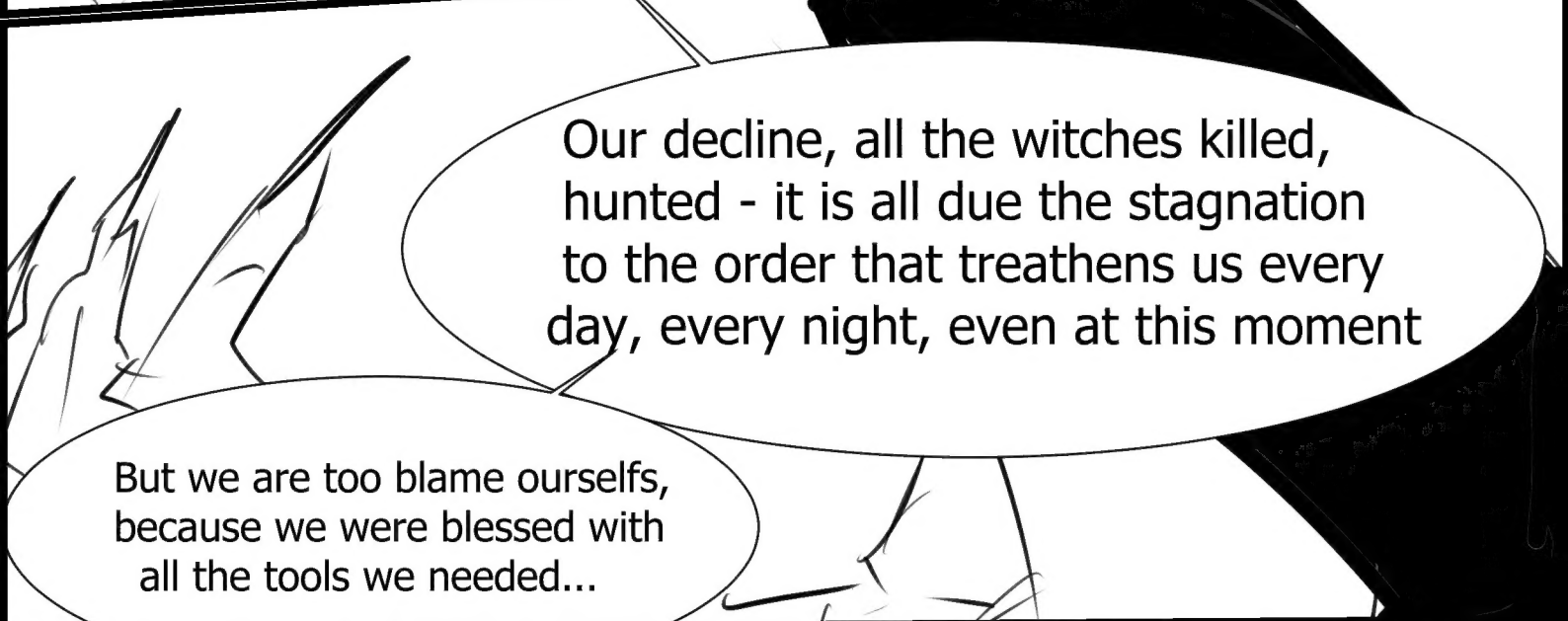
Heheheh!

Are you a witch
or some weak
human?

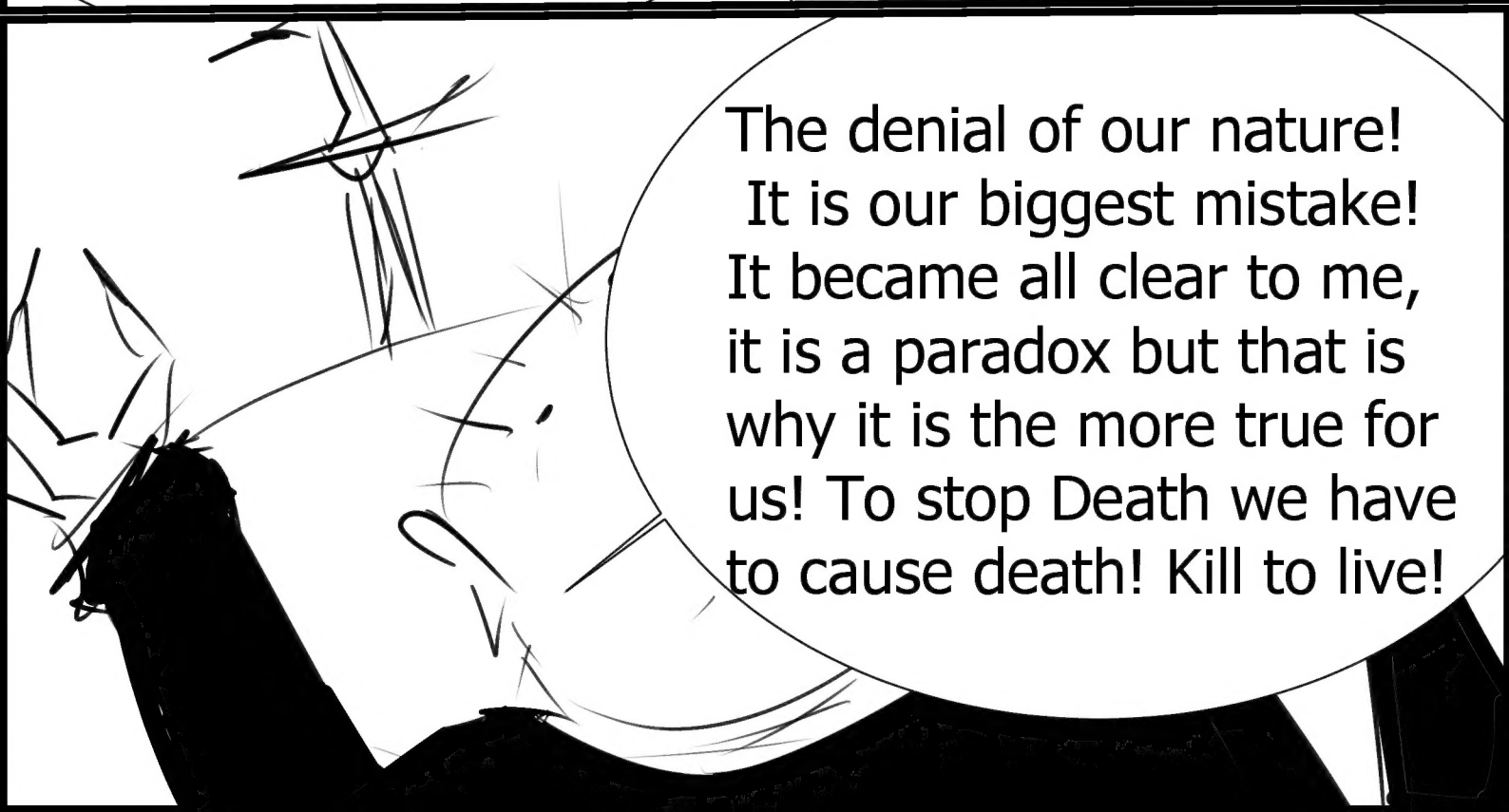
Only we witches truly
understand the beauty
of destruction, we know
that it is the core of true
creation and renewal!



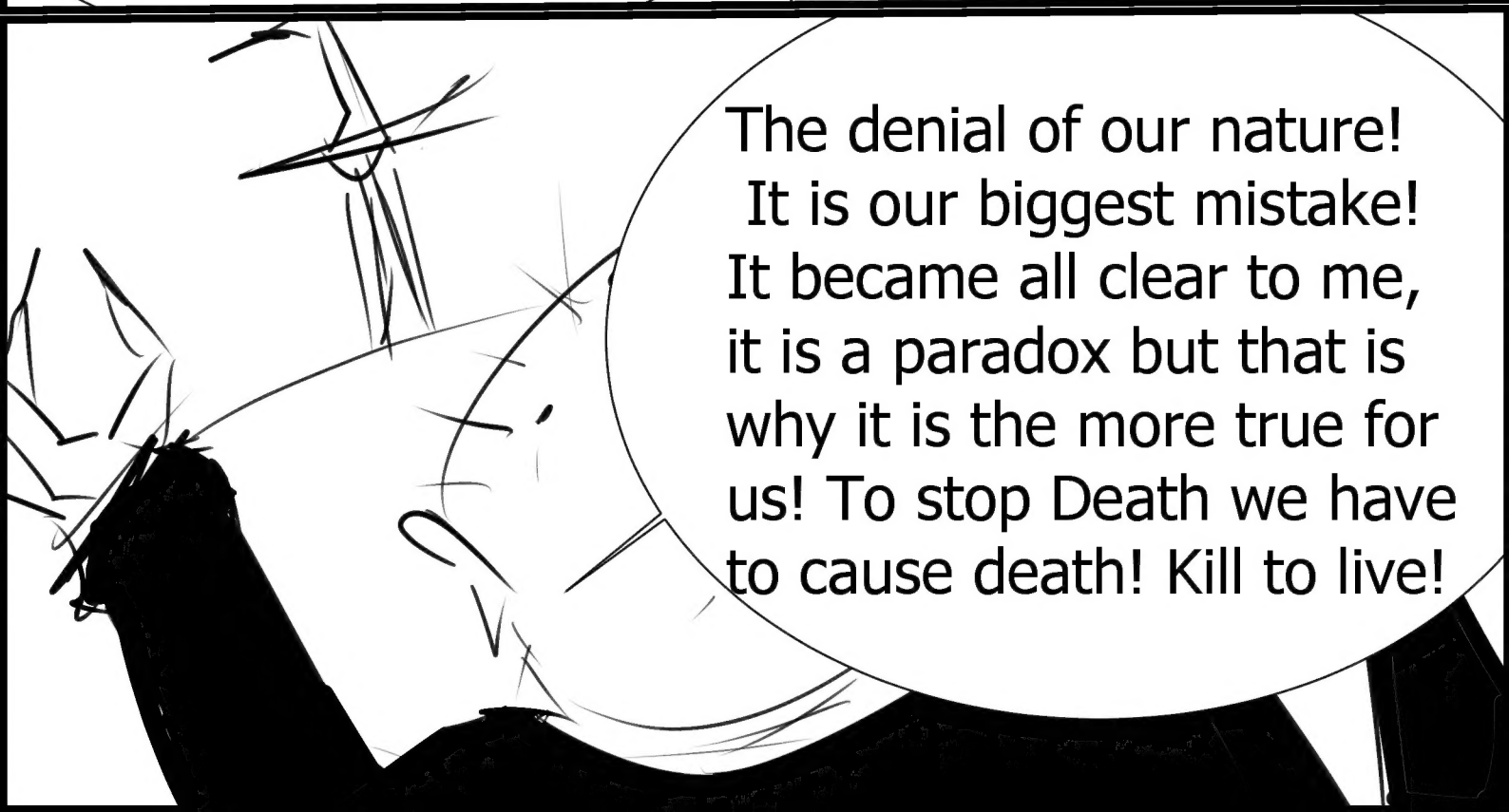
So you can't create
your "safety without
first destroying the
danger...




Our decline, all the witches killed,
hunted - it is all due the stagnation
to the order that treathens us every
day, every night, even at this moment



But we are too blame ourselves,
because we were blessed with
all the tools we needed...



The denial of our nature!
It is our biggest mistake!
It became all clear to me,
it is a paradox but that is
why it is the more true for
us! To stop Death we have
to cause death! Kill to live!



I hope you are right...
If this will solve all my
worries...

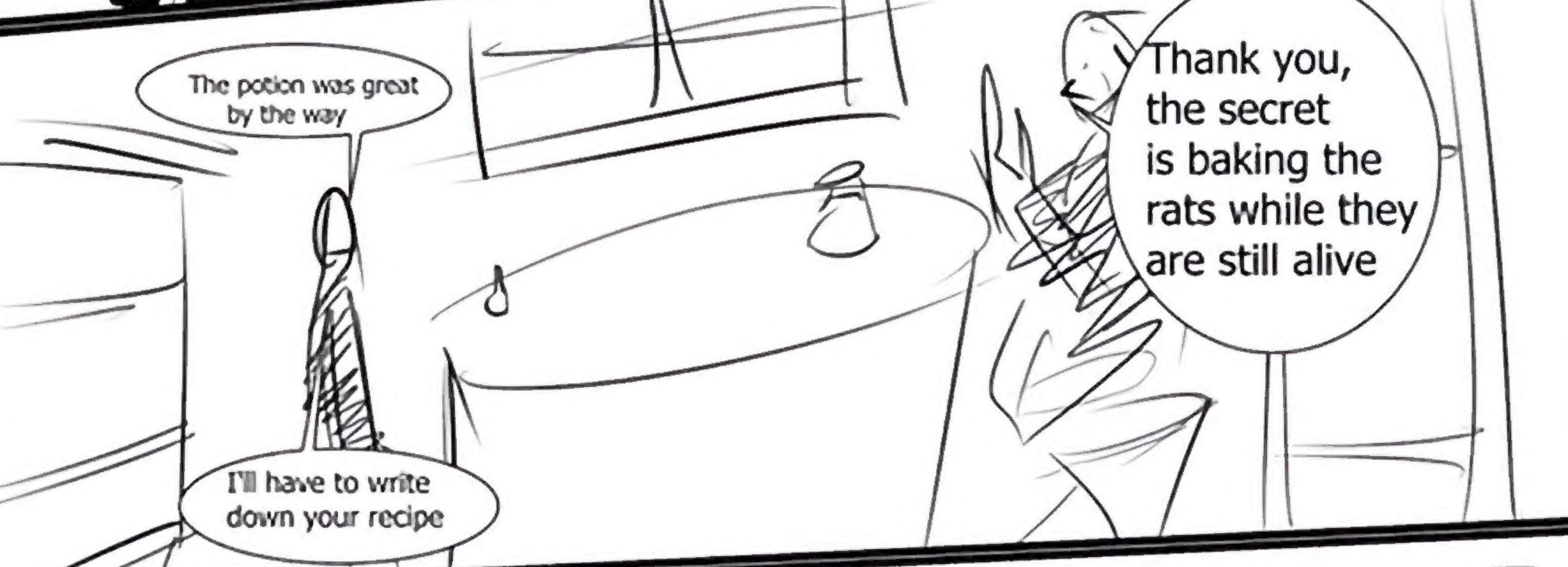
Ofcourse it will, when you
stop represing your
urges, it all goes away
and you will be free of it!

And at the
next Witch Mass,
we will convince
the rest of them
of this!



Heheheheheh!!!

hihihi...



The potion was great
by the way

I'll have to write
down your recipe

Thank you,
the secret
is baking the
rats while they
are still alive



Chapter 2
End